



## **TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

*State of Texas Building, 401 E. Franklin, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Monday, September 12, 2005*

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>OTHERS:</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>
Charlotte Johnson, Chair - Parks Board	Brent Pearson, Arborist - Street Department	Wynn Anderson, At Large
Oscar Mestas, Vice Chair - Texas Forest Service	Lupe Cuellar, Assistant City Attorney	Lewis Wright, Landscape Architect
Dr. Tammy Bendele, Horticultural Background	Barry Russell, Parks & Recreation Department	Raymond Bader, West Texas Urban Forestry Council
Eileen Karlsruher, At Large	Rosemary G. Borrego, Secretary - Street Dept.	One Vacancy
John White, Arborist		

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes –**

Motion by John White, seconded by Oscar Mestas to approve the August 8, 2005 Minutes. All in favor.

At this time Ms. Johnson introduced Mr. Barry Russell, Assistant Director for the Parks and Recreation Department.

**3. Update and Discussion on the Memorial Tree Program – Parks Department / Brent Pearson**

No additions to the Memorial tree Program.

**4. Update and Discussion on Arbor Day Celebration / Memorial Tree Dedication – Dr. Tammy Bendele**

Brent spoke with Daisy and Mr. Russell (Parks Dept.) on the Arbor Day Celebration; stated we have ten to fifteen trees to plant this year; Parks will decide where they go. Per Mr. Russell they are looking at Album (Eastwood) Park. The date for the Arbor Day Celebration will be Saturday, October 29. Mayor and Aldermen will be invited. Only one tree is being planted at Eastwood Park on Arbor Day. Dr. Bendele distributed copies of the wording for the proclamation. Invitations will be sent out to all the honorees, recipients, and the donors of the trees. Sculpture is not yet produced; the West Texas Forestry Council is in charge of the sculpture.

**5. Update and Discussion on the Approved Tree & Plant List – Brent Pearson**

There were no applications for modification.

## 6. Update and Discussion on the Tree Care Ordinance – Oscar Mestas

Mrs. Johnson thanked Oscar, Brent, Tammy, John and Lupe, who have spent a lot of time on this ordinance. Our goal is to have this in place along with the manual in time to apply for Tree City USA status.

Oscar Mestas distributed copies of the ordinance they have been working on, and discussion and changes followed.

Charlotte Johnson would like to take this to Council on the same day that they read the Proclamation for Arbor Day. Oscar Mestas stated he thinks it is possible, and will be working closely with Brent on the manual.

Lupe Cuellar suggested we start sending it to the DCC, and that the manual will be forthcoming. Corrections to be made and sent to the DCC. Lupe Cuellar will attend the DCC; Lupe will ask it be placed on the agenda.

## 7. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

Charlotte Johnson asked Mr. Russell to give a summary on the presentation of plans the Parks Board has on the tree inventory. He stated they are in the midst of purchasing software to do on-line registration, which has tree inventory. Working with Dr. Bader. Seems like they have obtained a grant from the ~~NMSU~~ <sup>TFS</sup>, also working with NMSU to get some interns to come down to do the actual inventory. Looking to the future to put it into the GPS system.

8. Motion by John White and seconded by Eileen Karlsruher to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next meeting October 10, 2005, 3:30 p.m.



Approved: Charlotte Johnson, Chairman

Date: 10-10-05

Rosemary G. Borrego, Secretary

